

Five things you need to know today

Government appointments

Kirsty McNeill the new MP for Midlothian is now Under-Secretary of State for Scotland working alongside Edinburgh South MP, Ian Murray, who is the Secretary of State for Scotland.

In addition the Carbon Trust is now looking for a new CEO as Chris Stark, FRSE, former chief executive of the Climate Change Committee and former Director of Energy and Climate Change in the Scottish Government from 2016 to 2018, has been appointed by Ed Miliband to head the new Mission Control for Clean Power.

This is intended to “turbo charge the UK to clean power” by 2030. Mission Control will bring together a top team of industry experts and officials to “troubleshoot, negotiate and clear the way for energy projects”.

I am delighted to announce that Chris Stark will be our head Head of Mission Control for Clean Power by 2030.

We are bringing together the brightest and best to deliver our national mission to cut bills and make Britain energy independent.

Welcome [@StarkClimate](https://twitter.com/StarkClimate) to the team! pic.twitter.com/2tajsCf7gb

– Ed Miliband (@Ed_Miliband) [July 9, 2024](#)

Man arrested after crash on Stenhouse Road

A man was arrested following a crash involving the driver of a car and a pedestrian on Stenhouse Road near the Shell Garage at 7.30 last night.

A police spokesperson said: "Stenhouse Road is closed between Stenhouse Drive and Stenhouse Cottages following a crash around 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 9 involving a car and a pedestrian.

"Road users are advised to avoid the area.

"A man, the driver, has been arrested and enquires are ongoing to establish the full circumstances."

Graffiti in the West End

Activities have carried out a graffiti attack on the Barclays office in Melville Crescent by throwing or spraying red paint at the Georgian building. Workmen were on site to clean the paint off – which they told us would take two days with the wastewater being siphoned off separately.



Damage to Barclays office on Melville Crescent © 2024 Martin McAdam



Activists have caused damage to the Barclays office on Melville Crescent © 2024 Martin McAdam

Negroni anyone?

A new kind of coffee bar is opening near the University next month formed from two Edinburgh companies – Electric Spirit Co and also Origin Coffee.

Electric Spirit Co. was founded in 2014 by distiller James Porteous in Leith, Edinburgh: first operating from the former James Dunbar lemonade factory, and now from a shared distiller on Coburg Street, overlooking the Water of Leith.

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The Eric Liddell Community

Gold Standard

City marks the centenary of The Flying Scotsman

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

IT WILL BE 100 YEARS this month since athlete and missionary, Eric Liddell, won an Olympic gold medal in Paris. The story of his victory was the real-life inspiration for the film, *Chariots of Fire*, and he was not only a sprinter, but also a rugby player, winning seven caps for Scotland and working as a Christian missionary in China.

While he studied at the University of Edinburgh he also played sport for his country - although he had been born in Qing China where his Scottish parents were missionaries.

At the 1924 Olympics he would not run in the heats for the 100 metres race as these were held on a Sunday when he did not play sport. He then competed in the 400 metres heat held on a weekday, and - even though this was not "his" distance - he won.

His name has been given to The Eric Liddell Community (ELC) at Holy Corner which will celebrate the life of their namesake with a series of events this month. ELC is a registered care charity based at Holy Corner where they provide specialist dementia care and help people to overcome loneliness and isolation. The charity, which has HRH The Princess Royal as patron, has begun a fundraising campaign during this year to help them continue with their important work.

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